

**REASONS TO OPPOSE SB 287**

1 WITNESSED VICTIMIZATIONS

2 POTENTIAL FOR HARM:

CHILDREN  
FRAIL ELDERLY  
UNINSURED  
POOR

3 NO OVERSIGHT TO EDUCATION AND REGULATION, JUST A KNEE-JERK REACTIVE MEASURE AFTER HARM IS ALREADY DONE. NOTHING PROACTIVE.

4 NEED FOR MORE TEETH IN EXISTING LEGISLATION: VICTIMIZATION SHOULD BE A FELONY, NOT A MISDEMEANOR.

5 "KNOWN PRESCRIPTION DISPENSING" IS TABOO, BUT WHAT ABOUT GROWING/ DISPENSING YOUR OWN DANGEROUS HERBS? NO CHEMICAL EVALUATIONS.

6 KNOWN FELONS/ PRISONERS AND PREVIOUSLY SANCTIONED FRAUDS COULD START UP THEIR OWN BUSINESS, WASTING MONEY FOR COURT DISPUTES. STATE ALLOWS; STATE IS CULPABLE.

7 THE WAY THEY WORK: THROUGH CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS, SELF-HELP GROUPS. DISILLUSIONED, POOR VICTIMS ARE OFTEN THE LEAST LIKELY TO REPORT VICTIMIZATION OR SEEK PROSECUTION. THEY FEAR PERSECUTION, EMBARRASSMENT, OFTEN CAN NOT AFFORD LITIGATION.

8 THIS BILL SKIRTS THE ISSUE OF DIAGNOSING- WITH ALLOWING THE UNTRAINED LAYMAN TO ASSESS SYMPTOMS. HOW WOULD THE UNTRAINED EVALUATE SYMPTOMS, SUBJECTIVE OR OBJECTIVE? IMAGINE THE PERSON WHO HAS GAINED TWENTY POUNDS IN SIX MONTHS, HAS MORNING SICKNESS, ELEVATED BLOOD PRESSURE, AND PERIPHERAL EDEMA? HOW WOULD THEY TREAT THIS PREGNANT MAN?

9 THIS BILL STATES, MONTANA HAS NOT ADOPTED ANY EDUCATION OR TRAINING STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE UNLICENSED HEALTH CARE SERVICES- YET BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL IS SANCTIONED FOR A VIOLATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL OF THE COMPLAINT AND ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE IT THROUGH EDUCATION OR MEDIATION. **WHAT EDUCATION?**

10 KILL THIS BILL.

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